



Pray

How does the testimony of God inspire you to pray?

How does the assurance of being saved encourage you to pray?

How can this passage impact the way you pray for those who do not know the Son of God?



God's Testimony – Life is in his Son | 1 John 5:6-13
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Introduction

Witness testimony in a court case can make or break a case. Testimonies given are for the purpose of evidence and confirming proposed facts. While our testimony can falter because of our own sin, God's testimony is greater. It is established by the words of God, affirmed through witnesses, and is witnessed in our own conversions. As we approach Easter Sunday and the celebration of the Resurrection, we have reason to celebrate because we know the truth – life is granted through Jesus. Jesus has risen from the grave, he has conquered sin, and we celebrate new life in Him.



Overview

As we have gone throughout 1 John, there are several themes that John has emphasized. Here in our passage, John outlines again the person and work of Jesus Christ. Not only does the Father affirm the deity of Christ but the Spirit points to this truth as well. John articulates where life is found (in the Son of God) and how we can have assurance for eternity.

Structure:

- I. God's testimony in three parts: Spirit, water, blood (vv. 6-9)
- II. Belief vs. disbelief and our relationship with God (v. 10)
- III. The transcript of God's testimony (v. 11)
- IV. Belief vs. disbelief and our relationship to eternity (v. 12)
- V. John's purpose: reassuring the saved (v. 13)



Engage

1. Verse 6 of this section states that "Jesus came by water and blood." John mentions water and blood in this section. While there are different opinions on what those point towards, many believe water refers to Jesus' baptism and blood refers to the death of Jesus. Why do you think John uses this imagery as he points us to Jesus?
2. Jesus said the Spirit would be coming to glorify (John 16:14) and testify of Him (v. 6). How does the Spirit still work to testify to Jesus?
3. How is the testimony of God greater than the testimony of man (v. 9)?
4. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the promises of God (v. 10). Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar. How so?
5. Why is a person's present testimony of Jesus' lordship just as important or more important than their remembering a past experience?
6. What does it mean for eternal life to be in the Son (v. 11)?
7. We find a clear-cut statement about those who have life and those who do not in verse 11. What is the main point John is driving at here?
8. Think of someone you know who does not believe in Christ. What are the indications that person wants more evidence? What are the indications of a hard, rebellious heart?
9. We get to John's purpose statement in verse 13 where he states: "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." What verse in the gospel of John does this verse complement so well?
10. Why is personal testimony of conversion such a powerful witness to Jesus' deity?